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SUBJECT: CAGLAYANGIL AND ERBAKAN COMMENTS ON CYPRUS AND
THE AEGEAN

FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL, IN AN INTERVIEW APPEARING IN APRIL 18 MILLIYET,
AND DEPPRIMIN ERBAKAN, IN A STATEMENT MADE THE PRECEDING DAY,
COMMENTED ON CYPRUS AND AEGEAN ISSUES. THE MAJOR POINTS OF
INTEREST WERE AS FOLLOWS:

A. GREEK ARMAMENT OF AEGEAN ISLANDS: CAGLAYANGIL STATED
THAT GREEK ARMAMENT OF THE AEGEAN ISLANDS HAD CREATED A "DELICATE
AND GRAVE" SITUATION AND THAT GREECE HAD TO "RESTORE THE DEMILITARIZED

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STATUS OF THESE ISLANDS." ERBAKAN NOTED THAT "THESE FORTIFICATIONS

MUST BE DISMANTLED AND REMOVED.... OUR GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE THE NECESSARY MOVES FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE SITUATION."

B. OIL EXPLORATION IN THE AEGEAN: BOTH ERBAKAN AND CAGLAYANGIL STATED THAT TURKEY WOULD CONTINUE TO PROSPECT FOR OIL IN THE AEGEAN. CAGLAYANGIL SAID THAT TURKEY WOULD "SET IN MOTION ALL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY AND WILL NOT RPT NOT REFRAIN FROM USING FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY AND COOPERATION WHEN NECESSARY."

C. CYPRUS: CAGLAYANGIL STATED THAT HE DID NOT APPROVE OF DISCUSSING POSSIBLE TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS IN CYPRUS BECAUSE "IT IS NOT IN KEEPING WITH NEGOTIATING TECHNIQUES TO STATE BEFORE THE NEGOTIATIONS WHAT THE END OF THE TALKS WILL BE. TURKEY HAS ALWAYS SAID THAT SHE DOES NOT TAKE A RIGID STANCE IN THIS RESPECT AND THAT THE BOUNDARY SEPARATING THE TWO REGIONS IS NEGOTIABLE." CAGLAYANGIL NOTED THAT THE GREEK-CYPRIOT REFUGEE AND TURKISH TROOP WITHDRAWAL ISSUES WERE TOPICS WHICH WERE RELATED TO A FINAL SOLUTION. HE ALSO STATED THAT TURKEY OPPOSED A CANTONAL SYSTEM BECAUSE "A SOLUTION SHOULD BE FOUND IN A WAY THAT THE PROBLEM WOULD NOT CROP AGAIN AS A DISPUTE SEVERAL YEARS LATER," I.E., A BIZONAL SOLUTION WAS NECESSARY.
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